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## NEVADA INSANE ASYLUM.

Report of Superintendent Dawson  
Something Worth Reading.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the general transactions of the Asylum, together with a detailed exhibit of the movement of the patients, for the period commencing July 1st and ending December 31, 1882.

The removal of the patients from the Pacific Asylum at Stockton was effected with much less trouble than was generally anticipated, and on the morning of July 1, 1882, the Nevada State Insane Asylum was formally opened with 148 patients, including 117 males and 31 females.

The following summary exhibits the number of patients at that date, together with the number admitted and under care, with the number discharged, sloped and died during the period, and the number remaining in the Asylum December 31, 1882:

Summary for the term from July 1, 1882, to December 31, 1882:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
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No. patients discharged cured.	18	—	18
No. patients discharged improved.	4	—	4
No. patients discharged not insane.	1	1	2
No. patients died.	2	3	5
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## RECOVERIES.

It will be remembered in considering the number discharged that a vast proportion of the cases treated were chronic, many of them having been inmates of asylums for years. The percentages of recoveries under such conditions would naturally be much less than it would be were the cases of recent origin; still, the results compare favorably with those of other asylums.

## DRAHTS.

The mortality during the period has been remarkably low, only three patients having died in the Asylum, and of these cases one was the result of chronic Bright's disease, one of old age and the other epilepsy. In this connection it may be proper to state that the physical condition of the patients has materially improved since their removal from Stockton. This result may be attributed, in a measure, to the improved sanitary conditions which prevail in our Asylum, but more particularly to the effects of our pure, health-giving mountain air over that of the enervating and malaria-laden atmosphere of the San Joaquin Valley.

## ESCAPES.

It has been our policy to allow as much freedom to our unfortunate patients as is consistent with safety, thus divesting their minds as much as possible of the idea that they are held as prisoners. It is to be considered that we are dealing with individuals who, as a class, are incapable of reasoning, many of whom are laboring under the delusion that they are victims of a conspiracy to deprive them of their rights and liberties, and we contend that it is far better to incur the risk of an occasional elopement than that our patients shall continually chafe under undue restraint. Of those who escaped all were quiet and apparently harmless persons, who were given the privileges of the place, of which they took advantage and left, but were generally recaptured without great trouble or expense. We have adopted and practically carried into effect the system of non-restraint, and our efforts in this direction have been so far successful that, except in one case, we have been able to discard all forms of mechanical restraint, even removing the shackles from a large number who had worn them for years, and some of whom have been restored to reason and allowed to return to their families.

**DIETARY AND GENERAL HYGIENIC CONDITION.**

Our diet list has been a liberal and somewhat varied one, the quality of the food uniformly good and prepared with the utmost care and attention as to cleanliness and proper cooking. With an unlimited supply of vegetables and other products of farm and garden, which under proper management may in the future be produced, the cost of maintaining the patients will be materially decreased. Personal cleanliness

among the patients is strictly enforced, and with the appliances at our command we have been able to maintain a most desirable condition in this respect. The clothing of the patients is comfortable and suitable to the requirements of their condition. Various plans have been devised for the amusement of the patients, among which I will mention our Saturday evening dances. These we propose to continue, regarding them as valuable adjuncts in the treatment of our patients, and materially tending to promote their recovery, while they serve to relieve what would otherwise be a monotonous existence. Many of the patients are employed in various ways, though no compulsion is used, the labor being voluntarily performed. As a result, over sixty acres of land have been cleared of sagebrush, and the greater part plowed, and all without expense to the State. The importance of occupation to the insane in diverting their thoughts and actions into normal channels has not been underestimated, but has received close attention, as the results show. It is quite probable that much more will yet be done in this direction than has been accomplished.

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the purposes mentioned. For the purpose of pumping water, an engine with boilers was provided, complete in all its parts. As a matter of economy, the steam supply for this engine is now being drawn from the large boilers, leaving the small boiler practically useless. I would suggest that this engine and boiler be sold, and that a small engine be purchased in their stead. By making this change, several hundred dollars will be saved, and valuable space now occupied by the boiler can be utilized for other purposes.

## RECREATION GROUNDS.

A substantial pavilion should be erected within the recreation yard now occupied by the male patients. This building should be constructed with open sides, substantially floored, and provided with seats for one hundred and fifty persons. To accomplish this it will be necessary to enlarge the yard to about twice its present size, thus enabling us to ornament the inclosure with trees, grass and flowers, transforming what is at present a dreary, cheerless prison yard into an attractive enclosure.

## FARM BUILDINGS.

No farm can be considered complete unless provided with proper outbuildings. We need a commodious stable and hay barn, provided with stalls for eight horses, at least, and room for carriages, hay, grain, etc.

## MEDICAL SERVICE.

The details of the medical service is intended to be similar in all respects to those observed in the best organized asylums of the country. It has been our custom to visit every patient in their respective wards daily, for the purpose of observing their mental and physical condition, to prescribe for the sick, look after their diet and attendance, and the general hygienic condition of the wards and other departments of the building. In short, it has been our intention that cases presenting a hope of recovery should not be debarred from the measures best calculated to effect such a result.

## EMPLOYES.

In the selection of employees we have invariably given the preference to actual residents of the State, believing it to be a matter of justice and policy to do so. Our ward attendants have been selected with especial reference to their moral, mental and physical fitness for the place, and though generally without previous experience in the management of insane, they have, with few exceptions, readily conformed to our ideas in this respect, and have proven remarkably efficient in their duties. The compensation of ward attendants should be left to the discretion of the Superintendent, and those who by long-continued service and efficiency have proven themselves valuable to the management should be rewarded accordingly.

## THE BUILDING.

While in the main the Asylum building is remarkably well adapted to the care of the insane, there are objectionable features which I beg leave to call your attention to, with the view that some, if not all, may be corrected at an early day.

## STEAM BOILERS.

The steam boilers are located in the basement at the rear end of the wing, and directly under the recreation room, which at times is densely crowded with patients and employees of the institution, and at intervals with visitors. In event of an explosion, which, under certain conditions, and indeed, as is sometimes the case, without any apparent cause, might occur, the loss of life would be fearful to contemplate, and even should an explosion occur at a time when the recreation room was vacant, the destruction of the building would be almost certain. A boiler room should be constructed in the rear of the Asylum, and at a distance deemed entirely safe. I would recommend that the building for the accommodation of the boilers be constructed sufficiently large so as to allow room for a wash house. This would enable us to utilize the present boiler room for a kitchen, and the room now occupied as a wash room for the storage of meats, milk, butter, etc., thus adding much to our comfort and convenience. We invite your earnest attention to this matter.

## COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The average daily cost per capita has been about seventy-four cents, as will be seen by referring to Table XIII. This shows a considerable saving over the expense of previous years, and considering the probability that in the future the production of vegetables, hay grain, dairy products, etc., will be set aside for such use, and that they be largely in excess of the consumption, it

may be reasonably concluded that after July 1, 1883, the cost of maintaining our indigent insane will not exceed one-half that of previous years. This should be especially gratifying to the taxpayers of the State, inasmuch as the money formerly sent away is now being circulated among our own people; our insane are better cared for, as is evidenced by the increased percentage of recoveries and the remarkably low rate of mortality as compared with the results under the contract system; and, in short, question of State pride, economy and every principle of humanity and justice should have dictated the change years ago. In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to express my appreciation of the generous support which you have extended to me in the discharge of my duties. Without the light of experience to guide me, and with a corps of untrained assistants, I naturally entered upon the work with misgivings. Whatever of success which may have attended our labors has been due to united and persistent effort. To institute comparisons among employees of the institution would be invidious; all have done well and faithfully the parts allotted to them, and deserve the gratitude of the people of this State.

## A. DAWSON, M. D., Superintendent.

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**KYME MONTAGUE.**

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Christiansburg, Va., 1882.

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**Heart Disease.**

Vine St., Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1882.

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th. Mr. W. BOARDMAN, District Judge.

**Order of Court.**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SEVENTH**

**District, Nevada, county of Washoe—in the matter of the estate of W. E. Bidleman, deceased.**

Reading and filing the petition of Julia W. Bidleman, administratrix of the said estate, for the appointment of a receiver of the same, and the order of the court in that regard.

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Saturday, February 3, 1883.

### A MISTAKEN POLICY.

It is said that the Republican caucus yesterday passed a resolution pledging the candidates for Warden to not appoint a Democrat to any position. The idea was conceived by Senator Parker, who introduced the foolish resolution. Parker makes fight to carry out his idea of conducting State institutions, and to the shame of other Republicans, he it is, carried his point. The pledge was afterwards modified so it applied to "officers" only. The secret soon became known and reached the ears of the officers and guards at the penitentiary, who were very indignant, as they had a right to be. They called a meeting at once and all agreed to leave the place in a body when Major Garrard's term expired on the 14th. They cannot be blamed if they carry out their resolution. It will be but a just rebuke to any body of honest men who are guilty of passing such a resolution. During General Batterman's administration he gave four or five Democrats positions during the whole period of his term. If the Captain of the Guard was a Democrat, Batterman kept him in the position because he had proven himself to be the right man in the right place, and General Batterman thought it to the interest of the State to retain him. Major Garrard has had four or five Republicans filling important places during his two years. Party discipline does not require any such a proceeding, and if a party has to strike at men filling non-political positions and adopt such a narrow-minded policy to keep up an organization the sooner it dies the better. We are sorry our representatives allowed themselves to place the party in such a position. It is doing Mr. Bell, the nominee for the position, an injustice, and is an insult to the intelligence of the Republican party.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Some economical members of the California Legislature are opposed to making any appropriation for the State Mining Bureau. To refuse the means of support so necessary an institution seems to be a very shortsighted policy. More money is wasted in mining than in all other ways combined, and anything that will help to develop the mines without ruining the prospector is a good thing to keep up. So far as we are able to judge the bureau has been an excellent help to many and has been carefully and economically managed by Mr. Hanks.

The tax in Churchill county, for county purposes, is \$1.90 on the \$100, while Washoe pays \$1.35. Washoe's natural decrease of taxation this year will bring her tax down to \$1.10. By annexing Churchill county, with property amounting to nearly \$500,000, to Washoe, as provided in the Varian bill, the tax will be reduced to not over 90 cents on the \$100, and save the expense of one county government. It is a question that will pay our neighbors in Churchill to give careful consideration.

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### TIMBER LAND.

Timber land matters are now attracting the attention of the authorities at Washington, and they are making trouble for small claimants on this side of the Sierra who barely make a living by hard work. If the Government detectives will go into the country a few miles from the coast of Mendocino and Humboldt counties, in California, they will see something worth paying attention to. Thousands of acres of land are being devastated to obtain bark. Oak trees that some time will be valuable for ship timber are cut down and peeled and left to rot. Bark is worth from \$12 to \$15 per cord, and often more, and during the "barking season" trespassers on Government land there make small fortunes. When they have felled and skinned the trees off one quarter-section the vandals float their claim upon another, and continue the slaughter.

One of the commonest delusions among a certain class of Irishmen, says the Liverpool *Courier*, is that their countrymen form a great majority of the soldiers in the British army, and that it is Irishmen who win all the battles. According to the official returns just out, the British army is composed of 124,434 Englishmen, 13,723 Scotchmen and 36,945 Irishmen. It is estimated that over 80 per cent. of the sailors in the navy are Englishmen. At all events, it is an overwhelming percentage.

The Eureka *Sentinel* says: A bill has been introduced to consolidate Washoe and Churchill counties. A small beginning, but a good one.

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Ex Senator Booth is in Washington.

—In New York, yesterday, Michael E. McCann was sentenced to be hanged March 9.

—The Prince of Wales intends to place a wreath upon the tomb of Gambetta.

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PRESS DISPATCHES TO THE EVENING GAZETTE

### EASTERN DISPATCHES.

Judge Black's Argument on the Mormon Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee are very generally commenting on Jere Black's argument on the Mormon question, which has occupied the attention of the committee to the exclusion of everything else during the last few meetings. Judge Black wants the Edmunds law repealed, and he is making one of his great efforts to accomplish that object. A member of the committee, in speaking of Black's argument to-day, said: "It is the most remarkable argument I ever heard on the Mormon question. It will be printed in a few days and will create a sensation. Judge Black takes the ground, of course, that the law is unconstitutional. He says Edmunds never drew the bill, because so able a lawyer would never have violated the constitution. He says the object of the law was to plunder the Mormons of their property and to bring the Territory into the Union as a Republican State. This, in the opinion of the Judge, will be accomplished if the Edmunds law is enforced and further amended as is proposed by pending amendments. Judge Black said that the same scheme for acquiring plunder and political power that was so successfully carried out in the South during the reconstruction is contemplated in Utah, only on a smaller scale."

The committee men further said that no Congressman who voted for the Edmunds law could read Black's argument without hanging his head in shame and feeling that he had sullied his honor and violated his conscience. Proctor Knott in Opposition to Canal Schemes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.

The Nicaragua canal scheme and all other Isthmus canal schemes have an enemy in Proctor Knott. In speaking of the Nicaragua canal project to-day Mr. Knott said: "What do we want a canal across the Isthmus of Panama for, or across Nicaragua?"

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A Fine Steamship Wrecked on Her First Trip.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.

The steamer Tacoma, the Central Pacific Company's collier, from Tacoma for San Francisco, with 3,500 tons of coal, went ashore at 9 P. M., January 29, four miles north of Umpqua river. The Captain and six men were landed yesterday, but could not get the crew off, on account of the heavy sea. She was broken in two amidships, with both stern and bow under water, lying about 300 yards from the shore. The Captain has sent here for the tugs and life boats. At dark a dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange says: All on board were saved. The Tacoma was a new ship, just arrived here from Philadelphia, and this was her first trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.

Later news from the wrecked steamer Tacoma leaves the fate of those remaining on board still doubtful. The second mate had charge on deck when the ship struck, but neither saw nor heard breakers until the ship went on sand among them. The ship was supposed to be well off shore, and the only theory in explanation of the disaster is the possible derangement of the compasses. The night was dark, but not foggy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.

An Empire City dispatch says: The steamer *Fearless* arrived from the wreck of the Tacoma. Nine of the crew are lost and Assistant Engineer Grant died after getting ashore. The ship is completely broken up. Nothing can be saved from the wreck. Five bodies have been recovered. Nothing can be seen of the wreck but the top of her cylinder at low water. Seven men were lost off the fore yard when the mast went overboard.

The Bullion Injunction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.

By consent of plaintiff in the Bullion Mining Company suit the injunction has been modified so as to permit the assessment sale to take place on the 6th instant, as advertised.

Dividend Declared.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.

Navajo (Tuscarora) has declared a dividend of 25 cents per share.

Not a Place of Refuge for Foreign Paupers.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.

The steamship *Samarina* landed at Boston with three Arabs, ticketed for New York, but who decided to go no further and were arrested as vagrants. The police took them to the Canard dock and ordered them taken back across the Atlantic, but the steamship agents shipped them to New York, for which act Collector Worthington refuses a clearance to the *Samarina* under a federal law regarding the importation of paupers.

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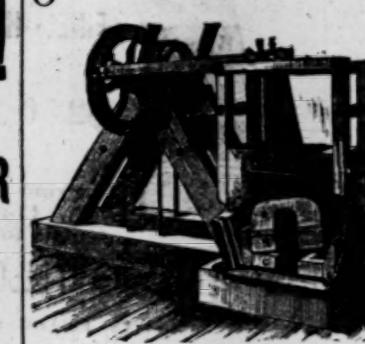
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